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GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOLZHENITSYN AFFAIR

1. IN ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON SOLZHENITSYN AFFAIR, YOU WILL
BE GUIDED BY SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO PRESS FEBRUARY 13
(RECEIPT OF WHICH NOTED USNATO 0828). IN PRIVATE OFFICIAL
DISCUSSIONS, IF EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCURS, YOU MAY DRAW
ON EXCELLENT PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IN MOSCOW'S 2221.

2. WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO ASSESS IMPACT OF
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SOLZHENITSYN ON CSCE AT THIS TIME.

3. EAST EUROPEAN SOURCES HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING TO DEPTOFFS THAT SOLZHENITSYN EXPULSION WAS BEST WAY OUT OF AN INCREASINGLY TENSE SITUATION, WHICH DEMANDED SOVIET ACTION IN FACE OF SOLZHENITSYN'S RECENT "PROVOCATIONS." WHILE THEY APPEAR TO EXPECT THIS AFFAIR TO HAVE VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON CSCE NEGOTIATION AT GENEVA, TO DEGREE THAT THE EXPULSION DOES INFLUENCE CSCE, THEY HOPE IMPACT WILL BE POSITIVE -- HELPING PAVE THE WAY TO COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 3. THEIR RATIONALE APPEARS TO BE THAT SOVIETS TOOK

A REASONABLE COURSE IN LIGHT OF "PROVOCATIONS," RATHER THAN OTHER, MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN US DEL GENEVA'S ASSESSMENT.

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